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Fact Sheet American Indian Livestock Feed Program (AILFP)

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Montana State Producer Handbook



Background

The American Indian Livestock
Feed Program (AILFP) is
authorized under the Military
Construction Appropriations and
Emergency Hurricane
Supplemental Appropriations Act of
2005 to provide feed assistance
funds to livestock owners on tribalgoverned lands. The 2005 Act
provides funds to re-establish
AILFP for 2003 and 2004.

Eligible Areas

The 2005 Act requires that the Tribal reservation must be located in a primary county included in a Presidential declaration or a Secretarial disaster designation issued on or after January 1, 2003, for losses occurring through December 31, 2004 **and** meet a 35 percent or greater loss of normal grazing. For 2003, all seven Montana reservations were located within an area receiving a primary disaster declaration.

For 2004, the following reservations were located within an area receiving a primary disaster declaration: a portion of the Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Reservation, Flathead Reservation, and the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

Eligible Years

Funding is available for 2003 and 2004. Producers who are eligible for both years must select only **ONE** of the years to receive benefits for. The production year

is from January through December of each year – 2003 and 2004.

Producer Eligibility Requirements

To receive benefits, producers must:

- Own the livestock or have leased livestock for at least 60 calendar days. Note: If the livestock were leased, the lease must require the producer to feed the livestock and the producer must have an interest in the livestock, such as the right to sell the livestock or market a share of the increase in weight of the livestock.
- Have the legal right to use tribal-governed land for the livestock. Note: This means the producer must be a tribal member with rights to use the tribal-governed land, or have a written document giving them the right to use the land for their livestock, such as a lease.
- Have the livestock located on tribal-governed land in a county named as a primary disaster area declared by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Tribe must have been approved to participate in the American Indian Livestock Feed Program (AILFP)

If the livestock herd on tribalgoverned land was reduced on or after January 1, 2003, because of a natural disaster, payments will be issued to the producer for the number of livestock on the tribalgoverned land at the beginning of the production year for which benefits are being applied for.

Eligible Livestock

Eligible livestock include:

- Beef and dairy cattle
- Buffalo and beefalo raised on the same basis as beef cattle
- Sheep
- Goats
- Swine (pigs, hogs, etc.) if grazed
- Equine, including horses, mules, and donkeys used for food for human consumption or used directly in the production of food for human consumption
- Elk and Reindeer if raised on the same basis as beef cattle.

How to Participate

To participate in AILFP, producers must:

- Make sure their Tribe meets the eligibility requirements and has been approved to participate in AILFP
- Submit for CCC-644 (American Indian Livestock Feed Program Payment Application)
- Provide original receipts to the Tribe including:
 - name, address and telephone number of person or business where the feed was purchased
 - 2. date the feed was purchased
 - 3. type and quantity of the feed purchased

4. the amount that was paid for the feed.

What Type of Feed will be Paid for?

Feeds that are typically fed to the type of livestock you own, will be paid for. *Example: if you own beef cattle, you would be paid for hay which is normally feed to beef cattle,*

Note: Minerals **ONLY**, such as salt licks, will **NOT** be paid for.

Applying for Payments

Producers wishing to apply for AILFP benefits will:

- submit form CCC-644
 (American Indian Livestock Feed Program Payment Application) to their Tribal government
- provide original feed receipts to their Tribal government along with the CCC-644 form. The Tribal government will make copies of the receipts and return the originals
- the application will be reviewed by the Tribal government and either approved or disapproved
- if the application is approved the Tribe will give the application to the local county FSA office who will then issue the payment
- funds will be directly deposited or paid by check as soon as

possible following filing of application.

AILFP vs. LAP

Also approved under the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane
Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2005 (2005 Act) is the Livestock
Assistance Program (LAP). LAP also provides payments to producers for grazing losses due to natural disasters for 2003 and 2004.

Producers may apply for both AILFP and LAP benefits, however, the benefits must be paid for the same year. *Example: If the producer applied for benefits under AILFP for 2003 they must also apply for benefits under LAP for 2003.*

For Additional Information

Additional information may be obtained at local FSA offices or through the Montana FSA Web site at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt.

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